

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Special Meeting

April 4, 1966
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Palmer presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen IaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Absent: None

Present also: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager; Doren R. Eskew, City Attorney; Robert A. Miles, Chief of Police

MAYOR PALMER announced this was a Special Meeting of the City Council called for the purpose to canvass the election returns of the Bond Election held on April 2, 1966.

The City Council canvassed the Revenue Bond Election Returns from each of the 45 Precincts as follows:

PRECINCT NO.	ELECTRIC PROPOSITION NO. 1		WATER PROPOSITION NO. 2		SEWER PROPOSITION NO. 3		TOTAL VOTES CAST
	For	Against	For	Against	For	Against	
121	51	6	50	7	51	7	61
122	48	11	48	11	47	12	59
123	30	2	29	3	30	2	32
124	231	48	235	44	236	43	293
125	146	39	146	33	153	29	201
126	53	19	51	20	54	17	72
127	35	10	34	9	37	7	46
128	363	58	356	65	373	55	428
129	264	62	269	56	275	53	353
130	148	33	155	26	155	25	181
131	258	37	255	37	255	37	295
132	98	21	98	21	98	21	121
133	163	26	166	23	168	21	191
134	193	28	192	29	196	25	221
135	260	21	258	24	256	24	283
136	119	40	118	41	119	40	159

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	PROPOSITION NO. 1 For	Against	PROPOSITION NO. 2 For	Against	PROPOSITION NO. 3 For	Against	
221	61	12	61	12	61	12	74
222	158	16	160	14	160	13	178
223	93	9	93	8	94	8	102
224	276	42	277	37	278	39	322
225	52	12	53	11	53	11	64
226	465	52	472	49	477	42	528
227	52	9	53	9	53	9	62
228	134	18	137	15	136	15	153
229	495	78	501	74	500	72	575
230	567	64	574	55	577	54	632
231	102	20	104	18	106	16	122
232	115	25	116	24	117	23	141
233	194	43	196	40	197	39	239
234	95	24	97	22	97	22	120
235	74	21	74	20	74	21	95
236	352	32	356	29	348	28	390
237	611	61	609	59	613	55	674
238	138	27	139	26	140	25	165
239	565	87	561	82	564	85	652
240	234	29	233	29	235	27	264
241	366	64	366	63	370	61	432
242	207	24	208	23	208	23	233
321	153	51	156	49	158	47	206
322	411	59	409	60	409	60	469
323	227	33	226	34	225	35	261
324	113	15	115	13	114	13	128
421	185	38	185	37	186	37	227
422	210	27	209	28	211	27	238
423	53	10	53	9	54	7	64
TOTAL	9218	1463	9253	1398	9318	1344	10806

Mayor Palmer on behalf of the Council, expressed its sincere thanks to the citizens of Austin for one of the largest votes percentage-wise at any Bond Election ever held. There was an excellent turn out, resulting in a total vote of 10,806.

On behalf of the Council, Mayor Palmer thanked the Chairman of the Bond Drive, MR. WILLIAM YOUNGBLOOD, and the Chairman of the Greater Austin Association, MR. JOE MANOR for their many efforts along with each and every member of the news media for the wonderful help and the public service they contributed.

Councilman Long commended the Administration for its fine work in selling the bond issue to the people, in going to special meetings all over the City, and working long hours overtime.

Councilman LaRue expressed pleasure in living in a community where it could pay for a \$50,000,000 Utility Bond issue without an increase in taxes or an increase in rates. He stated this was contributed to good management and he hoped it continues.

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Councilman LaRue moved that these commendations be the expressions of the entire Council. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS AND
DECLARING RESULT OF ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS |
COUNTY OF TRAVIS |
CITY OF AUSTIN |

ON THIS the 4th day of April, 1966, the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, convened in special session, at the regular meeting place thereof in the City Hall, there being present and in attendance the following members, to-wit:

LESTER E. PALMER	MAYOR
TRAVIS LaRUE)	COUNCILMEN
MRS. EMMA LONG)	
LOUIS SHANKS)	
BEN WHITE)	

and with the following absent: None
constituting a quorum; at which time the following among other business was transacted:

Mayor Palmer introduced a resolution canvassing returns and declaring result of an election held in the City of Austin on the 2nd day of April, 1966.

The resolution was read. Whereupon, it was moved by Councilman Long and seconded by Councilman Shanks that the resolution be finally passed and adopted, and said motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Palmer and Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White and Councilwoman Long.

NOES: None

The Mayor then announced that the resolution had been finally passed and adopted.

The RESOLUTION is as follows:

"A RESOLUTION by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, canvassing returns and declaring results of a bond election held in said City on the 2nd day of April, 1966, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the City of Austin; enacting provisions incident and relating to the purpose and object of this resolution and declaring an emergency."

WHEREAS, under and by virtue of an ordinance duly passed by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, on the 10th day of March, 1966, an election was held in said City on the 2nd day of April, 1966, on three propositions for the issuance of the bonds of said City of Austin, Texas, in the following amounts and for the following purposes, to-wit:

\$34,200,000 revenue bonds for the purpose of extending and improving the City's Electric Light and Power System;

\$ 8,100,000 revenue bonds for the purpose of extending and improving the City's Waterworks System; and

\$ 7,700,000 revenue bonds for the purpose of extending and improving the City's Sewer System;

AND WHEREAS, on this the 4th day of April, 1966, there came on to be considered the returns of said election; and

WHEREAS, upon consideration of the returns of said election, it appears that the same was in all respects legally held, after due notice had been given, and that the said returns were duly and legally made; and

WHEREAS, it further appears from said returns that there were cast at said election 10,681 votes on the proposition for the issuance of revenue bonds for Electric Light and Power System Extensions and Improvements, of which number 9,218 votes were cast "FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$34,200,000 REVENUE BONDS FOR ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER SYSTEM EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS"; and 1,463 votes were cast "AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF \$34,200,000 REVENUE BONDS FOR ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER SYSTEM EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS"; and

WHEREAS, it further appears from said returns that there were cast at said election 10,651 votes on the proposition for the issuance of revenue bonds for Waterworks System Extensions and Improvements, of which number 9,253 votes were cast "FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$8,100,000 REVENUE BONDS FOR WATERWORKS SYSTEM EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS"; and 1,398 votes were cast "AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF \$8,100,000 REVENUE BONDS FOR WATERWORKS SYSTEM EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS"; and

WHEREAS, it further appears from said returns that there were cast at said election 10,662 votes on the proposition for the issuance of revenue bonds for Sewer System Extensions and Improvements, of which number 9,318 votes were cast "FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$7,700,000 REVENUE BONDS FOR SEWER SYSTEM EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS"; and 1,344 votes were cast "AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF \$7,700,000 REVENUE BONDS FOR SEWER SYSTEM EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considers that it is to the best interest of the City and its inhabitants that at the earliest possible date the City provide funds for such purposes, thereby creating an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the citizens of the City; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

SECTION 1: That the aforesaid election was duly and legally called and notice thereof given in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the

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ordinance calling said election; that said election was held in strict conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and the returns thereof have been properly made to the officials of the City entitled to receive same; that only resident qualified property taxpaying electors of the said City of Austin, Texas, who owned property therein, subject to taxation, and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, were permitted to vote at said election; and, further that said election properly represents the desires of those qualified to vote as aforesaid.

SECTION 2: That the proposition to issue the \$34,200,000 revenue bonds for the purpose of extending and improving the City's Electric Light and Power System was sustained by a majority of the qualified electors of said City, voting at said election, who own taxable property in said City, and who had duly rendered the same for taxation, and that the City Council of said City is authorized to issue said bonds and to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds in the time and manner prescribed by law.

SECTION 3: That the proposition to issue the \$8,100,000 revenue bonds for the purpose of extending and improving the City's Waterworks System was sustained by a majority of the qualified electors of said City, voting at said election, who own taxable property in said City, and who had duly rendered the same for taxation, and that the City Council of said City is authorized to issue said bonds and to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds in the time and manner prescribed by law.

SECTION 4: That the proposition to issue the \$7,700,000 revenue bonds for the purpose of extending and improving the City's Sewer System was sustained by a majority of the qualified electors of said City, voting at said election, who own taxable property in said City, and who had duly rendered the same for taxation, and that the City Council of said City is authorized to issue said bonds and to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds in the time and manner prescribed by law.

SECTION 5. That the public importance of this measure and the fact that it is to the best interest of the City and its inhabitants to provide funds for the improvements hereinabove set out, at the earliest possible date for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the citizens of the City of Austin, Texas, constitute an emergency and an imperative public necessity that this resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage, all ordinance and charter rules governing the effective date of any resolution are hereby suspended and this resolution shall take effect and be in force and effect from and after its final passage, and it is so resolved.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 4th day of April, 1966.

s/ Lester E. Palmer
Mayor, City of Austin, Texas

ATTEST:

s/ Elsie Woosley
City Clerk, City of Austin, Texas
(City Seal)

APPROVED:

s/ Doren R. Eskew
City Attorney, City of Austin, Texas

Mayor Palmer said it was his belief by the overwhelming vote that the people wanted to move out and get the utility services prepared . He asked for a report on the timing of some of the projects.

The City Manager reported on schedules as follows:

Water Plant No. 3, Bids to be taken in May or June. Two and a half to three years will be necessary for constructing the plant, and about a year to install the big water line.

Dry Creek Sewer Project, the large sewer line to be tunnelled under Mount Bonnell is about ready for bidding.

The Electric Utility, has plans and specifications on Decker Creek Dam ready and would like to have bids opened in the Council on May 5th. It is hoped also to take bids on the water line from the river to the lake and on the small railroad spur from the T & N O southerly to the Plant site on May 5th.

On April 7th bids on the large equipment will be received for the following:

Closed Feedwater Heater
Deaerator Feedwater Heater
Boiler Feed Pumps

The generator and turbine and boiler condenser have been purchased.

The only large item remaining will be the plant construction which involves construction of the building, erection of the boilers, and tying everything together to make a Power Plant. Decker No. 1 is scheduled to be on the line by the spring of 1970.

Councilman LaRue called attention to the fact the entire shoreline of this new lake will be publicly owned and designed for public use, and this development will be moved along as expeditiously as the other. The City Manager reported the planning of the park area development, camping sites, launching areas, and all types of park facilities are under way. He stated the Lake would be filled in 1968 or 1969.

There being no further business Councilman LaRue moved that the Council adjourn. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The Council adjourned at 10:40 A.M. subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

L. E. Palmer
Mayor

ATTEST:

Elin Woolley
City Clerk